

Meeting of: AUDIT COMMITTEE
Date: 26 OCTOBER, 2004
Report of: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Reference: GH
Title: MEDIA GUIDELINES PROTOCOL

PUBLIC/EXEMPT ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To present to the Committee the updated Media Guidelines Protocol, to replace the old version in the constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council be recommended to approve the updated Media Guidelines Protocol for inclusion in the constitution as a replacement to the old version.

MEDIA GUIDELINES UPDATE

Members will recall that the Media Guidelines, which form part of the constitution, were updated at the last Audit Committee meeting in July.

Since then a number of minor amendments have been required, in the main to ensure consistency with the new overview and scrutiny function. The Guidelines have therefore now been updated (changes highlighted) and need to be formally approved for inclusion in the constitution as a replacement to the old version. Members are asked to endorse the proposed changes and refer them to Council for formal adoption.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None directly arising.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services has been consulted and has no further comments to add

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS

None

RACIAL EQUALITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Council's Constitution includes the Media Guidelines as a local protocol to supplement its Codes of Conduct. It is best practice to regularly review existing local protocols and this report suggests recommended changes to consider prior to being referred to full Council for their endorsement.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Media Guidelines